

REMARKS

Applicants have not received the Filing Receipt for the instant application. A duplicate copy of the Filing Receipt is requested herewith.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 25 and 26.

The Specification was amended to delete inadvertent blank pages: 71, 89, 94 and 108. Applicants note that no text was missing from those particular pages. The blank pages were due to a pagination error.

The Specification was also amended to include appropriate titles for the various sections within the specification, as well as to provide a description of figures submitted. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience to the Examiner that may have resulted from the above. Furthermore, the Specification was amended to reflect the issuance to patent of the parent application, 10/096,218.

Claim 1 was canceled, rendering moot the double-patenting rejection.

Claim 27 was amended to define the variables R² – R⁷. Support for the amendment may be found in the terms of Claim 1. The above amendment renders moot the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 (2nd par.) rejection of Claim 27.

Claim 27 was further amended to delete compound (XIII). The above amendment renders moot, the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of Claim 27.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner feels that any issues remain unresolved, please telephone the undersigned at 860-715-4288 to expedite resolution of such issues.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, no issues are seen to remain. This case is accordingly believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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